

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A medical device comprising:
an elongated member configured to be advanced along a vascular path of a patient, the elongated member having opposite first and second ends, the first end and second ends both being adapted for intravascular insertion, and the first end ~~having a different structure than~~ comprising a delivery sheath and the second end comprising a retrieval sheath.

Claims 2 to 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently amended) The medical device of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the delivery sheath comprises at least one sidewall port adapted for receiving a wire.

8. (Currently amended) The medical device of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the delivery sheath comprises first and second sidewall ports adapted for receiving wires.

9. (Currently amended) The medical device of claim 8, wherein the ~~side wall~~ sidewall ports are skived.

10. (Withdrawn) The medical device of claim 8, wherein the distance from the first sidewall port to the first end is less than the distance from the second sidewall port to the first end, the elongate member comprises a lumen between the first end of the elongate member and the first and second sidewall ports, the lumen having a first

diameter at the first sidewall port and a second, reduced diameter at a point between the first and second sidewall ports.

11. (Currently amended) The medical device of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the retrieval sheath comprises a rolled tip.

12. (Original) An assembly comprising a guide wire and a medical device of claim 1.

13. (Original) An assembly comprising an embolic protection device and a medical device of claim 1.

14. (Original) An assembly of claim 13, further comprising a guide wire.

15. (Original) An assembly of claim 13, wherein the embolic protection device is adapted to be delivered and retrieved by the elongate member.

16. (Original) A method for positioning a medical device within a patient's blood vessel, the method comprising:

providing a medical device of claim 1; and

advancing the medical device to a target site within the patient's blood vessel.

17. (Original) A method for positioning a catheter within a patient's blood vessel, the method comprising:

providing a catheter comprising an elongated member configured to be advanced along a vascular path of a patient, the elongated member having opposite first and second ends, the first end and second ends both being adapted for intravascular insertion, the first end comprising a delivery sheath, the second end comprising a retrieval sheath, the delivery sheath comprising at least one sidewall port adapted for receiving a wire, and the catheter having a lumen between the first end and the at least one sidewall port;

providing a guide wire having a proximal end and a distal end;

advancing the guide wire to a target site within the patient's blood vessel; and

advancing the catheter over the guide wire by inserting the guide wire through the catheter lumen between the first end and the at least one sidewall port.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein an embolic protection device is loaded into the catheter prior to advancing the catheter over the guide wire.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the catheter is advanced over the guide wire to a treatment site, the guide wire is removed, and the embolic protection device is advanced out of the catheter.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the delivery sheath comprises first and second sidewall ports adapted for receiving wires.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the distance from the first sidewall port to the first end is less than the distance from the second sidewall port to the first end, the lumen extends between the first end of the elongate member and the first

and second sidewall ports, the lumen having a first diameter at the first sidewall port and a second, reduced diameter at a point between the first and second sidewall ports.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the embolic protection device is loaded in the lumen between the first and second sidewall ports.

Claims 23 and 24 (Canceled).

25. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the embolic protection device is delivered by the delivery sheath and retrieved by the retrieval sheath.